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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

On Page 1, after line 12 but before line 13, please add the following paragraph:

--This patent is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/255,295, filed 9/26/02, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application 09/604,490, filed 6/27/00, now U.S. Patent 6,565,719.--

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for making a magnetic disk recording medium comprising the steps of:

depositing a first carbon layer on said disk recording medium, said first carbon layer comprising predominantly SP3 carbon; ~~and~~

depositing a second carbon layer on said disk recording medium, said second carbon layer comprising about 60% or less SP3 carbon, the SP3 content of the second

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